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UNDERGROUND

SCSC Does It Again!

by Bill McConkey

Just when you thought it was safe to go out into the hallways or pass by the Meeting Place without being attacked by slogans of "vote for me", Scarborough College is now preparing itself for a sequel to last week's Scarborough College Students' Council (SCSC) elections.

Since 12 people cast separate ballots at each of the two polling stations, there will be a revote for the position of Vice-President of Finance along with the upcoming part-time commissioner and year reps elections scheduled for March 29th and 30th.

Acting on the advice of SCSC's lawyer, Chief Returning Officer Steve Turner suggested that the 12 voters who voted twice should be considered ineligible, thus invalidating the 24 votes which they cast. And since the position of VP-Finance was decided by only 17 votes (and was the only position won by no more than 24 votes), the dismissal of 24 votes could alter the outcome of the VP-position in a worst case scenario.

The problem of double voting came as a result of SCSC's inability to properly control the election process. SCSC is supposed to mark off a letter on the back of each voter's student I.D. card. This ensures that each student votes only once.

This year, however, Turner, who is responsible for the elections did not determine which letters were available to be marked off and as a result, the letter "B" was inadvertently used again (SAC used the letter "B" in their bi-elections last fall).

When Turner was informed of this oversight, the elections were well underway. He decided, at this point, to simply strike each voter's name off of a master list maintained at each of two polling stations. It was this alternate control mechanism which allowed the twelve individuals to vote twice.

A resolution to allow the five candidates: Jonathan Silver, Bill Snow, John Albers, George Chu and Ian Campbell to recontest the position was adopted at last week's SCSC meeting after one hour of heavy debate.

However, not everyone was happy with that solution. This year's VP-Finance, David Ossip suggested that the integrity of the election was severely tarnished by the twelve double voters, and that if any of the positions were to be recontested, they all should

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Photo by Peter Tonkainen

If Jimmy was immortal, how would he run SCSC? He'll probably be keeping a watchful eye on The Pub.

Alinas Takes Tight Race

by Vangie Nitsopoulos and Stacy Young

With a margin of only 70 votes, present Communications Commissioner Ruth-Claire Alinas has captured the Scarborough College Students' Council (SCSC) Presidency for the 1988/89 academic year.

Defeating fellow candidate Ken Bowman and close rival Ian Scott, Alinas expressed her surprise and relief, "I was nervous because Ian was popular and well-liked by everyone," she explained.

Alinas stated that she is anxious to start working on some of the issues, such as the R-wing renovations and the anti-calendar that had been so popular during election week. Next year as President she hopes she can provide the best possible services by working together with the students.

"We're going to have the best orientation ever (with) more events for the underaged, and we hope to involve the cultural clubs with SCSC." said Alinas.

Alinas will be joined by Kim Clarke who defeated two other candidates to obtain the position of Vice-President of Administration.

Clarke suggested the need for a council that is stronger and a lot more united next year. "Not to say this year's wasn't, but there were problems," said Clarke.

Other winners were Dennis Balatbat who won for Communications Commissioner, and James Lee for Cultural Commissioner. Georgette Zinaty and Steve Blue were acclaimed for the positions of Academics and Services Commissioner respectively.

This year's elections were not without controversy as Chief Returning Officer Steve Turner discovered that 12 students had voted twice.

The possibility of disqualifying 24 votes affected the position of Vice-President of Finance which Jonathan Silver had won by 17 votes.

As a result, SCSC will be re-running the election for VP-Finance along with the elections for part-time commissioner and year reps.

Although the number of votes cast was 1211 which exceeded last year's record by one, the discovery of the 12 students who voted twice actually brings the vote count down to 1199.

Turner thought the large number of students who turned out to vote showed an "increased awareness of student politics" and sees it as a positive sign.

However, when asked if he would recommend the position of Chief Returning Office for SCSC elections to any student in the future, he responded, "not unless they have a very high tolerance for bullshit."

SCSC Election Results

President

Ruth-Claire Alinas	509
Ian Scott	439
Ken Bowman	171

Vice President Administration

Kim Clarke	468
Chris Jodhan	327
Sarah Saso	274

Academics Commissioner

Georgette Zinaty	Acclaimed

Communications Commissioner

Dennis Balatbat	383
Thomas Marlow	308
Nad Barsoum	286

Cultural Commissioner

James Lee	375
Aparna Sanwalka	267
Oanh Le	215
Shane Miskin	171

Services Commissioner

Stephen Blue	Acclaimed

Total Votes Cast 1211

FOR YOUR INFO

Commerce Students' Assoc. now accepting nominations for next year's executive positons. Pick up nomination forms from Professor Stawinoga in Room H-428A. Deadline is March 18 and elections is on March 31.

Art Works
by faculty members of U of T's Department of Fine Art will be displayed from March 17 - April 10 between noon to 5 p.m. at Harbourfront, 250 Queen's Quay West. Admission is free.

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Political Science Assoc.
presents Cam Jackson, Constituency MPP (Education Critic) who will speak on post-secondary eduction: the future on Thursday, March 17 at 1 p.m. in R4224. Reception to follow.

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DAVID WILCOX
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Friday, March 18

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Elections will be held on March 23.

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Scarborough

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The permanent job fair will be held on Tuesday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All 1988 graduates and recent graduates can register for the job fair starting Monday, March 14.

Registration deadline is March 24. For further info and registration visit the career centre booth in the Meeting Place or come to Room S-302.

Co-op Day
The Co-op Students' Association of Scarborough Campus is staging its first Co-op Day on Wednesday, March 16. Infomation booths, films, resume writing seminars are a few of the many events on that day. Mr. J. Galimberti, Executive Director of the Institute of Public Administration will speak on "Careers in the Public Service" in H-216 at 7 p.m. on the same day.

Interested people can take the opportunity to find out more about the new Computer Science & Physics Co-op being introduced in the fall of 1988. For more info visit the Co-op offices at R5008 or call 284-3117.

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Bill/Helen Take SAC

by Cathy Majtenyi and Teya Agusta

The President and Vice-President of the 1988/89 SAC Board of Directors will be Bill Gardner and Helen Christodoulou.

With 2,136 votes Gardner and Christodoulou narrowly defeated their main opponents Dominic Lablanc and Brian Lacy who received 2,062 votes. James Ryan's joke ticket received a mere 322 votes.

A total of 4,979 people voted, and according to Chief Returning Officer, Trevor Driscoll, this is an average turnout. There are about 35,0000 full-time students at the U of T which means that the 4,979 voters represents about 14% of the total eligible to vote.

Gardner and Christodoulou swept most of the St George constituencies losing only Trinity and Victoria Colleges to the Lablanc/Lacy ticket. Gardner and Christodoulou also received 550 of the 750 votes cast at Scarborough Campus, but received only 60 of the 1,000 votes cast at Erindale. Clearly, the Lablanc/Lacy ticket relied heavily on the support of the Erindale students.

"It feels good to win. Because it was so close, everyone who took the time to vote, and take a friend to vote is responsible for our victory. A special thank you to Scarborough!" said Christodoulou.

Vice presidential candidate Brian Lacy was optimistic about the results. "I feel fine about it. I was happy with the results at Erindale. I'm relieved it's all over. Now I can get back to studying." said Lacy.

Gardner and Christodoulou will take office on April 1, 1988, replacing Ellen Ladowski and Craig Pinnock.

Scarborough students: Christodoulou, Pinnock, Titch Dharamsi and Phil Boland have held the Vice-Presidents position since 1985.

SAC Presidential

Ticket	*Number of votes*
Gardner/Christodoulou	**2,136**
Leblanc/Lacy	2,062
Ryan/Drasec	322

SAC Scarb. Directors

Only the top eight qualified

Kim Clarke	407
Jonathan Silver	329
Sarah Saso	327
Georgette Zinaty	275
Art Trotman	264
Darryl McDowell	249
Tim Sullivan	245
Peter Naglik	236
Gordon Onley (9th place)	235

Total Votes Cast 4,979

Figures were obtained after **two** official counts

Smoking Policy Reviewed

by Patricia Ho Coy

The Health and Safety Committee of Scarborough Campus met last Thursday to review the college's smoking policy, which one committee member expressed as "a surprising success."

The committee, along with surveys of many faculty members and students, agreed that the present campus policy which limits smoking to certain areas including half of both the H-wing and R-wing cafeterias, the Pub, the staff lounge on the 4th floor of the S-wng, and a portion of the faculty lounge in the H-wing, has been working out quite well.

According to the committee, staff and students alike have noticed a definite decrease in the amount of smoking in the halls, and the majority of smokers are following the smoking regulations.

However, there are still some individuals who continue to ignore the policy and smoke in non-smoking areas, such as the washrooms, the Meeting Place, along the hall lounges, the Pinball Room and by the snack bar near the library.

Some committee members feel that one of the reasons for this is the fact that the no-smoking signs are too small and inconspicuous, "they just get lost with all the notices."

The committee plans to make smoking areas more clear with the use of larger signs and a greater number of them.

Professor Joan Grusec, from the Division of Life Sciences and Ken Wesley with the campus electronics staff, who are the co-chairpersons of the committee intend to circulate a letter reaffirming exactly where the designated smoking areas are.

The committee admits that it has had some pressure from the complaints of non-smokers to remove these designated areas altogether. Presently, however, they (the committee) do not intend to introduce any new policies, but just hope that the situation will continue to improve.

From a smoker's perspective, most of those questioned declared that the present policy is unfair to them because the smoking areas are too limited, and argued that smoking is a very difficult habit to break.

A few smokers, on the other hand, proclaimed that they were content with the smoking regulations; their only complaint was that there are no ashtrays in the allowed smoking areas.

Paul Verayo, a first year non-smokers offered another view, "We're not trying to segregate them, we're just trying to protect our health."

"But what can you do about it" was the main question asked by most of the non-smokers interviewed. It seems that most smokers will tell you, "if you don't like it, leave."

Several students suggested that smoking should only be permitted in very spacious areas like the Meeting Place, and not in small, closed areas especially in the cafeterias where people eat. The major concern here however, is that the school is very poorly ventilated, if at all.

"In a closed system like ours, we have to restrict the smoking area because it's offensive to non-smokers," stated Professor Krashinsky.

Most students feel doubtful that smoking will ever be completely eliminated from the halls and rooms at Scarborough Campus because, as Hanif Sarangi, President of Scarborough College Students' Council pointed out, "There's no way of enforcing it. There will always be students who break the rules."

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EDITORIAL

Slime In The Hallways

Political slime. There really is nothing like it. Like decayed excretion it sticks between every crack and dark corner in the intricate frescos of human personalities.

Don't try to scrape it off. It will stick to the soles of your shoes and follow you around to every political forum, to every voting poll, and to every political soap box in the university, in the city, in the country...there's just no getting rid of slime.

It was present this past week at Scarborough Campus, hiding in the guise of concerned students who seem to know better than anyone else. It was at Scarb's SCSC forum when students donned KKK hoods and interrupted the forum to degrade a certain presidential candidate.

It was present when, because of Underground political endorsements, Underground newspapers began to mysteriously disappear from certain parts of the University.

It was present when 12 Scarborough students chose to exercise their right to vote - twice.

Political slime can turn the most enthusiastic idealist into a doubting cynic overnight. And it is even capable of altering the hallowed phrase "free choice". Last week slime slid into our cozy community here, at Scarborough.

No one is safe from its' infectious touch. Not even the most level-headed person can escape the slimy effects of politics. It's sad but true, and it happens every year at Scarborough Campus.

Each year, in each political race, it seems that regardless of how competent you are, it's invariably more important who you know and how you campaign than issues, policies and integrity. It is a foregone conclusion, therefore, that some politically-propelled "do-gooders" will decide to take election procedures into their own hands and "enlighten" students. From this point on, their misguided actions rapidly snowball into pointless piles of slime .

What is even more disturbing is that politics at Scarborough is only a microcosm of the westernized world that we all live in. And since you can't escape it, you might as well get used to it. In fact, unless you are prepared to deal with the slimy side of life, you will be unwittingly used and abused until the day you die.

Fortunately at Scarborough, these perverse political hacks are overwhelmed with "sincere" concern for your welfare only once a year.

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Puking In The Pub

There are few things which are more difficult to criticize than art; what is one man's masterpiece is another's epitomy of trash. The new Pub artwork, if it can be called such, is a good case in point.

Over the weekend of March 6th & 7th, the Scarborough Campus Arts Department was given free paint and free reign to indulge their creative aspirations on the walls of the Pub.

What emerged is not something that reflects particularly well on their abilities. If the idea behind the plan was to create something that would brighten up the Pub or make it a more interesting place to hang out, it failed miserably.

With a couple of notable exceptions, the murals depicted could have easily been painted by a seven year old kid in a grade two remedial arts course. What was apparently envisioned as a collage of different artistic techniques and perceptions, actually manifested itself as a hopeless mish-mash of confusing images, displaying a singular lack of creativity.

Despite the ugliness of most of the paintings, the fault of this technicolour blunder lies not with the artists, but rather with the lack of guidelines given to the artists. Perhaps, if there had been a central theme to all the paintings, say music or other forms of entertainment, or scenes from around Canada or just about any other central idea to tie the murals together, the project might have worked out.

But since there was obviously a missing link involved in this disastrous explosion of colour, we've been left with an embarassing mess on our walls, that's going to cost big bucks to repair.

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Slanted & Biased

Letter to the Editor:

This letter was written prior to the results of the election, and is directed at **The Underground**, the candidates and their supporters.

I am a Scarborough student who has been in close association with the elections through the candidate of Kenny Bowman, and as such was thoroughly disgusted with the behaviour that occurred in general. I could not believe that a group of people claiming to be adults with at least an average level of intelligence could act so childish(sic).

The whole campaign was one that centered around back stabbing, rumour spreading and feuding rather than one dealing with issues that are of major concern to the whole of Scarborough Campus. If this is how elections will continue to be, I am sure I will not be the only one discouraged from voting in future elections.

Everyone was quite aware that the most competent candidate would inevitably win the elections, so all the other activities that occurred were evidently pointless. All I can hope for is that next year's candidates will be mature enough and lucky enough to avoid the childish antics that occurred in the '88 elections.

These views **do not** exclude Kenny Bowman by any means, even though it is not a secret that he has been the most victimized of all the candidates, which brings me to the issue of **The Underground**.

Even though **The Underground** is a reasonably small paper, it is the only paper that is of any relative use to Scarborough students. This is why I think it is totally unfair for them to choose the "prime candidate". I feel no matter how much other candidates publicize their abilities, they were defeated by the ½ page artical(sic) in the paper!

Know(sic) that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but I didn't see anyone else viewing it as openly as what appeared in **The Underground** prior to the elections. Half of the candidates job, and I stress the candidates job, is to convince the fellow students of Scarborough Campus that they are the right person for the position. I feel that **The Underground** writing an artical(sic) for one specific candidate defeats this whole purpose.

As discussed with Vangie Nitsopoulos, I understand that **The Underground** felt it was their "duty" to write an artical(sic) even though the practise of vying for a candidate in print has not occurred for the past 2 or 3 years. This practise of supporting a candidate does not even occur in the much more widely read papers such as the **Star** or **Globe**.

All I want to know is who gave **The Underground** the authority to dictate who was the best? It is quite evident that Ruth-Claire Alinas is rather friendly with practically the entire staff of **The Underground**, and therefore it appeared to be a bias artical(sic).

I am, however, acknowledging the fact that they honestly felt that she had all the necessary qualities and abilities required to hold the position of President. If this was **The Underground**'s reason for printing the artical(sic), then can they say that they know all the other candidates equally as well so that their decision was only based on the facts rather than on friendships. I don't think the little chat with candidate quite cuts it.

I have openly admitted that I was a supporter of Kenny Bowman, and yet I feel in many ways Ian Scott was also a victim as well as Ruth-Claire Alinas herself. If she is as capeable(sic) as the artical(sic) says, then she did not need the assistance of **The Underground**.

Also, I feel that if she is elected, people, myself included, will subconsiously and blamelessly wonder if it was because of her friends or because she was in fact the right person for the job.

In conclusion, I feel it is unfair and unnecessary for **The Underground** to write an artical(sic) supporting one candidate in general.

Signing my name with no fear of reply, Kerry Johnstone

What Equality?

Letter to the Editor:

I walk into Scarborough Campus during the day, and at any given moment, I see a sea of faces, each as different as a book is to a song. The faces have different looks, colours, features, but to one such as I, the common thread of humanity running throughout all those sea of faces are seen.

Racial Equality Week was to have celebrated our common humanity. Statements such as, "we are all equal because we are all human beings", were tossed about, and to many,

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Two babies are sitting in a bar having a few drinks. One turns to the other and says, "You know what? I think we're in the wrong joke."

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So, the most self-righteous, arrogant, and generally ignorant people on earth have done it again! It seems that if the shit is not in the fan, it's in their mouths. Luckily, there are other more informed and conscientious people out there to keep an eye on you evil slobs. Actually if it weren't for the 12 or so people who regularly read this rag, there would be no reason to publish it. But enough of this yellow fencing and back to the glorious all nighters, low GPA's, caffeine and stimulating conversations. RAW! RAW! RAW! RAW! RAW!

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they were heartfelt.

I dislike having to burst anyones comfortable bubble - but let's start talking reality here.

Fact: We might all like to celebrate racial equality in terms of the common thread of humanity that joins us all, but "we" make up a significantly small part of a larger world in which "others" still feel that people not "of themselves" are less than human, subhumans as it were.

Take for example the present South African government with its policy of apartheid. Take again the KKK or the killing of a black youth by a Montreal policeman who had said, "I'll show you how to stop a nigger!"

Look at the war between Iran and Iraq, or the on going fight between the Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants. Tell me what you see.

Fact: Tell me honestly that you did not tease or bother or even beat up that ever-present black kid in your class, or on your block, or in your building when you were younger. Perhaps when you uttered "nigger" you felt it was okay because your parents said it or your friends did.

When you called a person a "packy", and perhaps you still do, did it ever occur to you that you might as well be calling that person "sub-human"? I think not.

You see, you accept those degrading names as a matter, of course. I interpret them as an insult.

Until you become aware of your own racist, sexist or prejudice feelings and deal with them, only then can things change. You may not realize this, but your own personal feelings on persons of another race, ethnic background or religion are easily transmitted to the next generation, your children.

So beware fellow students, you may think or believe that you, of all people, do not harbour those feelings, and may even loudly boast, "my best friend is..." or "I know a lot of them, we get along great". But think about the jokes you and your friends exchange, about all the times you said or felt the words, "it figures, what can you expect of them", and then, only then, can you understand what subtle racism or sexism is, and perhaps after you understand, you can celebrate racial equality without feeling slightly embarrassed about it.

M. McGhie

Criticized

Letter to the Editor:

I think **The Underground** acted irresponsibly in the way it chose to print Hassan Partow's opinions on the Israeli-Arab conflict several papers ago.

There is nothin wrong with printing someone's opinions, but an opinion is just that when it lacks the factual integrity and impartial treatment necessary for those opinions to be called "an article", or (dare I say it quality journalism).

The Underground is the official voice of the Scaborough Campus. Its editorial staff should take more care when deciding if and how to print submissions of this type.

Stephen Brown
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Wrongly Accused!

Letter to the Editor:

This is a letter to all those who have made it their mission to publicly humiliate Ken Bowman during the SCSC elections. I would first like to address the three individuals who performed the outrageously immature act in the Meeting Place on March 7th.

I find your actions cowardice in that you didn't even think to approach Mr. Bowman with your accusations before you acted upon them. Is this fair?

Although I have only known Mr. Bowman for a short period of time, I chose him as a SCSC running mate because I find him to be a man of considerable integrity and honesty, a genuine nice person who would never intentionally hurt anyone.

I would like to state without a doubt that Ken Bowman is **not** a racist. There is no place for that archiac type of thinking in this school or in the country for that matter. I believe you were grossly unfair in pronouncing Ken guilty before giving him a chance to defend himself. I think he is owed an apology.

To Miss Jill Penny (name withheld at that time) who wrote the article attacking Mr. Bowman on March 7 issue of **The Underground**, I have this to say. Mr. Bowman's question was one of general interest, it did not pose a threat to anyone.

As a candidate running for no election on SAC, I saw Ken's question as one which asks those candidates with no prior experience on SAC what they do know about the organization. It also shows the

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Commentary

by Sean Barnes

Did You Vote?

I must have been asked this question 30 times by as many people. The fever surrounding the SCSC elections was built up at the forum in which the candidates spoke. There, they said it was not a right to vote, but a moral obligation. And like a preacher on pulpit, they commanded their flock to cast their ballot. Not doing so would mean expulsion to the gates of Hell.

Taking the position that a vote is a moral obligation strikes me as a repugnant alternative for increasing voter turnout. The structure of any election is such that, although I have a right to vote, should I choose not to vote I exercise a right far greater than the one I forgo - the right to FREE CHOICE.

Let me explain. On each ballot, there is a list of all the candiates running for positions. Should you choose to vote, you select one of the candidates listed on your ballot. You can choose to vote and make an uninformed decision, but the choice is yours.

On the other hand, if you are forced to vote by preachers plucking on your chords of morality, you are forced to choose a candidate that you don't think is suitable for the position. That is why a person carries a right to vote on one hand, he carries a right to withhold his vote on the other. Thus, if presented with the options to vote for A. Hitler, Charles Manson or The Boston strangler, it is my moral obligation to withhold my vote.

And it is this which is the most important aspect of voting - I have the right to withhold my vote should I think none of the candiates are suitable for the position. This is the right to FREE CHOICE.

Forcing a person to vote by campaign on the platform of morality gives you a winner elected on the grounds of an uninformed decision. My moral obligation lies in myself and in my God - not in the preacher on the pulpit.

By the time this is printed, the results of the SCSC elections would have threaded its way through the pastures of our minds. To answer the question, yes I did vote. Who I voted for is no one's concern. Concern yourself instead with the fact that I knew little or nothing of some of the candidates I voted for.

Like a blind mouse I walked straight into a trap. That's one vote for an SCSC candiate, one vote too many against my conscience.

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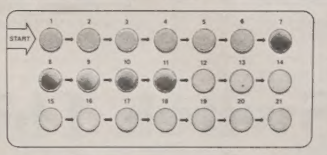
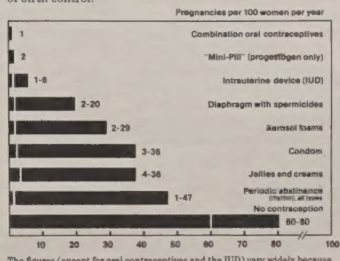


In 1960 "The Pill" created a revolution. It is likely that no modern scientific development has had a more profound impact on society than the oral contraceptive. It is also likely that no other medical development has been more exhaustively studied, or more subject to controversy, confusion or misinformation. There have been enormously important advances in research and knowledge since 1960 and the most widely used oral contraceptives today are quite different from the one that started the revolution. If you are concerned about contraception you should understand the facts.

Some important facts about today's oral contraceptives

1. The oral contraceptive most often prescribed by doctors today contains less hormone in an entire month's supply than the first product contained in a single tablet taken for one day.
2. Today there are nineteen different brands of oral contraceptives available to Canadian women. They vary in hormone dosage and ingredients. Some are new. Others have been in use for many years.
3. Until recently, oral contraceptives involved taking the same strength of pill throughout the monthly cycle. The first advanced triphasic oral contraceptive, introduced three years ago, varies the strength of both of the active ingredients in three stages. This permits a large reduction in hormone dosage resulting in fewer minor side effects.
4. Here is a comparison of the effectiveness of various methods of birth control:[1]



The figures (except for oral contraceptives and the IUD) vary widely because people differ in how well they use each method. Very faithful users of the various methods may achieve pregnancy rates in the lower ranges. Other women may expect pregnancy rates more in the middle of these ranges.

5. Most oral contraceptives are virtually 100% effective in preventing pregnancy when taken as directed. They are the most effective method of reversible contraception available.
6. As with any medication The Pill involves some degree of risk, although the low-dose products minimize this risk.
7. There are certain groups of women who should not use The Pill. Your doctor will advise you if you are in one of these groups.
8. Extensive studies show that women over 35 who smoke are at greater risk and should not use The Pill.
9. There is evidence that women who take The Pill may receive important beneficial effects including:
   (a) reduced incidence of endometrial and ovarian cancer,
   (b) reduced likelihood of developing benign breast disease,
   (c) reduced likelihood of developing ovarian cysts,
   (d) reduced incidence of pelvic inflammatory disease which can lead to infertility,
   (e) reduced anemia due to reduced menstrual blood loss,
   (f) reduced severity of menstrual cramps and premenstrual syndrome.
10. The health risk associated with the use of oral contraceptives is less than the health risk of childbirth except for women over 35 who smoke.

Remember, taking any medication involves a degree of risk. It is important to understand the facts so that you, with your doctor, can make an informed decision.

Supplementary information for women considering the use of oral contraceptives is available at your doctor's office or pharmacy.

This information is presented by Wyeth Ltd., the leader in oral contraception, serving the health needs of Canadians for over a century.

1 The Report on Oral Contraceptives, 1985, by the Special Advisory Committee on Reproductive Physiology to the Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, September 1985.

ENTERTAINMENT

Another Damn Good 'Nam Flic

by Matthew Diamond

Off Limits, starring William Defoe and Gregory Hines, concerns the exploits of two plain clothes military policemen investigating the brutal murders of several prostitutes in Saigon during the height of the Vietnam war.

Your initial impulse upon hearing where the movie is set is maybe to think, "Oh no, not another movie about Viet-Nam!"; what more can be said about the war that Stallone, Norris, Sheen, Stone et al haven't already said?

Fortunately, in this case, director Cristopher Crowe has managed to come up with a plot, though not wholy novel, is at least fresh.

Buck McGriff (Defoe) and his partner Albaby Perkins (Hines) are two cops given the insane task of keeping the peace in a city which is the center of a brutal war; a task in which you don't have to be a Satre or a Camus to appreciate the ironies.

Fred Ward (Remo Williams, **The Right Stuff**) is their boss, tough Master Sergeant Dix, a man who is fully aware of the insanity of investigating a murder in a war zone, and explains the situation through a rather colourful metaphor involving being in a cesspool and letting one little turd piss you off.

To make their jobs even more difficult is the fact that the prime suspects in the murders are all high ranking American officers, one of whom is apparently trying to get the investigation killed both literally and figuratively.

But Defoe and Hines are aided in their quest by Sister Nicole (played rather plastically by Amanda Pays), a beautiful nun who works on the streets helping the whore and their children.

Against all the impediments placed in their paths, the two cops pursue their quarry all over Vietnam. This gives the director a chance to show the obligatory combat sequences of a base under enemy attack, when they visit Khe Sanh during the seige.

Scott Glen (Silverado, **The Right Stuff**) puts in a great cameo appearance as the prime suspect; a Colonel so crazy that he makes Charles Manson look like a choirboy.

Although burdened by what is now surely the most cliched setting of the eighties, this movie is a cut above the usual 'Nam flic, in that it does not deal with finding missing POW's or with lost innocence, but rather with solving a crime.

Defoe, who earned an Academy Award nomination as Sgt. Elias in **Platoon**, is excellent in this movie, as is Hines (**White Nights, Running Scared**). They work well together as partners and more importantly, they make believeable cop/soldiers especially in their attitudes and language.

Warning: this movie contains more *c%# cussing than all of Richard Pryor's albums, movies and shows combined.

The film is well shot, well directed, well acted, and is fun to watch - even the ending is not too bad. It does, however, contain several unncessary 'Nam cliches. Overall, this is a good movie, not a great movie.

Of note is that this movie, though it's not mentioned in the credits, bears a strong resemblance to the plot of the old movie "Night of the Generals" in which a german military cop is trying to find the killer of Parisian prostitutes during the Nazi occupation, with the main suspects being several german generals.

Saigon, 1968. Buck McGriff (Defoe, right) and Albaby Perkins (Hines, left) are plainclothes military cops hunting a murderer of Vietnamese postitutes at the height of the Vietnam war

Try To Switch This Channel Off

by Vangie Nitsopoulos

There is something almost sacreligious about the remaking of a classic 1939 movie into an 80's style yuppie delight.

Such is the case with **Switching Channels**, the cardboard remake of the classic black and white film, **His Girl Friday**, starring Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant.

Screenplay writer Jonathon Reynolds modernizes the movie with a few sappy, self-righteous monologues by Turner, a couple of sex scenes and many more chase scenes.

What Jonathan Reynolds fails to realize, however, is that this movie is not **The Dukes of Hazard** and, yes, it is necessary for the jokes to be funny. That definitely is a must for a comedy.

In **Switching Channels**, television newswoman Christy Colleran (Kathleen Turner) is an aggressive headline hunter who meets and promises to marry Blaine Bingham (Christopher Reeve). Bingham is the egocentric, but very cute millionaire who wants to share his life, his money and his mirror with Christy in a comfortable condo somewhere.

John (Sully) Sullivan (Burt Reynolds) is Christy's boss and ex-husband who doesn't want to lose a great newswoman who happens to be the woman he loves.

If this movie wasn't a direct remake of **His Girl Friday**, perhaps its flaws would not have been so apparent.

However, as it is, comparisons are inevitable and Kathleen Turner, charismatic as she is, is no Rosalind Russell and Burt Reynolds pales in comparison to the wise-cracking but suave Cary Grant.

Reynolds, who gives up his usual pretty-boy role to Reeve, looks more like a smart-assed, obsessive slob than a likeable wisecracker. Between chasing Christy and antagonizing Blaine, lord only knows how this guy runs television news show.

To be fair, Reynolds probably gives the best performance that he is capable of considering that the actor originally scheduled to play Sully was Michael Caine (?!?!?).

Still, one has to feel pity for poor Reynolds who was once the top box office draw and is now the kiss of death for any movie. Somebody give this man a decent job!

Reeve, on the other hand, was one of the few refreshing and original successful additions to the movie. His thick skull and his materialistic morality added much needed laughter to the film.

The film is bombarded with unnecessary characters as it features Henry Gibson as a wrongfully convicted killer. Ned Beatty as the corrupt, sandwich-stuffing District Attorney and several Canadian actors including Al Waxman who plays the flamboyant station owner.

With the prices of today's movies, it's actually very disheartening to see producers try to pedal stale remakes to the public just to make a fast buck.

Unless Hollywood developes a little more originality and starts concentrating on the artistic merit of a film rather than the commercial merit, audiences can kiss big budget movies of class good-bye.

Switching Channels only endorses the idea that the word **remake** is the worst word to come out of Hollywood since - gulp - colourization.

"Jimmy" Sucks

by Maryke Sjoerds

The plot in the movie, **A Night In The Life Of Jimmy Reardon** is about as believable as "Rocky", the flying squirrel consumating a marriage with "Bullwinkle", the moose. Jimmy should have spent his nights asleep in bed; at least he would have prevented any excuse for producing such a pointless movie as this.

It seems the film's promoters knew this flic was a real lulu, and decided to create a romantic box-office image which had nothing to do with the real theme of the movie - how to be a slimy jerk. In fact movie goers should be wary of the cute TV commercials which promote "A (romantic) Night In The Life Of Jimmy Reardon".

Jimmy is actually a cocky, selfish teenager whose main task in life is to finance abortions irresponsibly conceived by an overheated libido.

River Phoenix (of **Stand By Me** fame) plays Jimmy Reardon, a shallow teenager who is faced with the ridiculous dilemma of either scamming enough money to escape to Hawaii with his girl friend (Meredith Salenger) or attending the business school his father went to years ago (apparently a fate worse than death).

Upon realizing that his life is turning out to be a repeat of his father's, Jimmy decides to go to Hawaii. He tries desperately to come up with the cash by conning his friends and family, and this, believe it or not, is the entire plot in this movie.

A deceivingly cute little Jimmy seems to have no control over his hormones, and he spends most of his spare time wasting your time desparately luring other girls into bed. Ironically the only girl that Jimmy can't get into the sack is his girlfriend Lisa. Despite her strong desires for Jimmy, she manages to control herself very admirably.

Although River Phoenix is an extraordinary actor, he is too young to be playing this character. Phoenix seemed to lack the maturity needed to successfully pull off this role. This caused the majority of the bedroom scenes to be somewhat unrealistic considering that he never once took off his underwear.

Disappointly, this is another typical teen flic where boy wants girl, and girl wants boy. Strangely, the only good thing about this movie is that the girl dumps the boy in the end.

SPORTS

War Is Declared

Suburban Campus Battle For T.A. Reed

by Ann Byford

They may have won the battle, but they haven't won the war. Or have they? A dismal week for Scarborough's Interfac teams may well result in last year's championship college surrendering the coveted T.A.Reed Award to Erindale.

"It doesn't look good for us," admitted Taimo Pallandi, Scarborough's Athletic Director, after learning that six of his college's ten teams still competing had lost their semi-final matches. He explained that because Erindale (Erin) has showed so strongly throughout this year - they are now finalists in at least five sports - they will most likely win the T.A.Reed Award for men's college athletics.

Scarborough (Scarb), last year's Reed winner, has already won four battles this year - football, rugger, skiing and men's tennis. But when the battle field cleared last week, Scarb casualties outnumbered its survivors.

Scarb men's "A" hockey fell first, losing on Monday 4-3 to Erin. The next victim was "The Scrape", Scarb's water polo team, drowned 8-6 by Erin.

And like dominoes, throughout the week Scarb continued to fall. Next to go, the Rez Rats hockey team, who were not only beaten, but outright slaughtered 22-0 in a two game total point showdown with Pharmacy (they oughta get purple hearts for that one!).

The war raged on, as Scarb's men's "B" volleyball team was 'put asunder' by Physical Education. Finally, Erin not satisfied with their merciless athletic performance mounted yet another attack, and blew Scarb's "B" basketball team out of contention.

Keeping up, or perhaps down, with their male counterparts, Scarb's women's teams lost in their bid for the Marie Parkes Award, the women's athletic honour. A heartbreaking 1-0 loss by Scarb's women's hockey team to Erin ended the east suburb's playoff hopes. Meds, then sneaked up on an unsuspecting women's volleyball team to oust them from playoff action two games to zip.

Scarb's only hope to retain the Reed Award now lies with "B" and "C" hockey, who will play a best two out of three games final this week starting Sunday, March 13 (results unavailable at press time), and continuing Tuesday, March 15 - "B"'s at 8 p.m., "C"'s at 10 p.m.- at Varsity Arena. If a third game is necessary, "B"'s will play Thursday, March 17 at 9 p.m., and "C"'s at 7 p.m. (check for results at R-2255).

Also, "A" volleyball will try to hold down the fort for Scarb when they meet St. Michael's College tonight at 9 p.m. in the downtown Athletic Center.

Scarborough B's and C's both kept finding the mesh behind Erindale's goalie in Interfac action last week. photo by Ann Byford

Sports Shorts

Plumptre, Anyone?

Rumour has it that the most distinguished of all athletic accolades at Scarborough College, the A.F.W. Plumptre Award, will be presented this year. So representative of the award's special merit, is the fact that it is not awarded every year, but only when the Athletics Department, after a careful screening of the nominees, determines that the Plumptre candidate has made a distinctive contribution to the enrichment of Scarborough College through athletics, sports and recreation.

The recipient's name will be released only at this year's Athletic Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 26. Tickets for this event are available for $16 at R-2255.

"B"'s and "C"'s Trounce Erindale

Scarborough's "B" and "C" hockey teams both knocked their Erindale (Erin) opponents out of playoff contention last Thursday night.

Carrying a 3-1 lead into the second of two game combined goals semi-final match, Scarb's "C"'s stumbled a bit, allowing Erin to tie the score by the mid-point of the first period. But once Tom Dinas opened the scoring for Scarb by picking up his own rebound off the crossbar and tapping it in behind Erin's goalie, Scarb kept the puck in their opponents net with 8 more goals to Erin's 2. Dinas and Frank Salmonds each led the Scarb scoring with two goals, while Steve Cooke, Glenn Cooper, Ken Davis and Frank Drasnin added singles to make the final score 11-5. Scarb goalie Bruce Rodgers played well, coming up with three especially glamorous saves toward the end of the game.

In "B" action, the Scarb squad made good on a 2-0 lead heading into Thursday's game. Two goals by Graham Robertson and one beautiful goal by Tony Nappo on the 'Gretzky-to-Kurri' style assist of Ed Page led to a 5-2 final. Erin kept Scarb goalie Andy Tijn-B-Jiie busy with 27 shots on net, and some excellent activity in front of Scarb's crease, but as he has done all year Tijn-B-Jiie spoiled his opponents' efforts.

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Another Mess!

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be.

With probably the most to lose by reopening the elections, the VP-Finance-elect Jonathan Silver was conspicuously quiet at the meeting, fearing that any position which he took might appear to be self-serving.

Afterward, however, he confided that he was not happy with the idea of having to start all over. "It's not my fault that they voted twice," he said, "besides, the real point is that there were only 12 extra votes, and that I won by 17, so either way I won the election."

And what about the 12 who voted twice? SCSC will not divulge their identities. Asked if any action will be taken against them, Turner said, "I don't think there's anything we can do." Lets hope that the next election doesn't get spoiled by another dirty dozen.

Speak Up

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audience a lot about the candidates prior experience and knowledge.

You attack Mr. Bowman for his question, yet will not even let him know who you are? Why bother writing the letter. Are you afraid of his reaction.

Generally, I found this whole campaign to be one of severe bias from the newspaper, and one of extreme favouritism for those candidates who were SCSC members at this time. There was no need for some candidates to act so unprofessionally.

Finally I would like to commend Ian Scott and Chris Jodhan who both acted respectably and professionally. They saw this race for what it was, and went out of their way to make friends with the other candidates.

To me this best represents the kind of executive we need on SCSC. I hope these two gentlemen will consider running again and that students recognize their commitment to this school.

Sincerely,
Sarah Saso

Special thanks to Ken, John, Steve, Laurie, Kerry, Joanne & Tracy

Problems And Promises

Letter to the Editor:

If you may have passed through the Meeting Place in the week of Feb 29 to March 4, you may have noticed a lot of "unity", paraphernalia along one of the walls. If you were in the vacinity(sic) between noon and 2 p.m., you likely would have heard or saw some sort of performance or speaker projecting either fine folk or gospel music, or informative utterances into the usually chaotic meeting area.

At this point you may have asked, "What are these people doing?" Well the answer is/was that the culture clubs of Scarborough Campus got together and in a joint cooperative effort, they decided to declare the first ever (probably the first ever in the world), Racial Equality Week.

As it turned out, the effort was relatively successful. Technically it went quite smooth, and people seemed to cooperate with the idea quite well. However, as an organizer in the Racial Equality Week, I noticed several growing trends.

One, was that the students most interested in the issue, namely visable(sic) minorities, were by far the largest attending group. At first I welcomed this trend, but unfortunately it pointed to the second trend.

It seemed that not enough non-minority people took any interest in Racial Equality Week. However, it was pointed out that racial injustice is not a concern for your average white Canadian, and that racial harmony is not a goal to which one necessarily aspires.

As a white Canadian male, I wish that less people would be content with the typical response of being concerned only with issues that concern themselves. There is a need for humankind to embrace the principal(sic) that "Mankind is One".

We had three completely different guest speakers, talking on various perspectives of racial equality, and they all concluded some similar themes: 1) that racism is part of Canadian society and 2) that there is a need for more than brotherhood and racial amnity. Also the need for legislation to combate discrimination is beyond what we already have.

In my opinion, I feel that if these observations are true, then "Racial Equality Week" will play an important part in the future. Not only does it bring people together in a consultative effort, but it allows many seemingly uncomfortable views to be discussed.

One concern, easily testifying to some sort of problem at U of T is that there are very few Chinese and Black professors where Black and Chinese students make up a large percent of the student body.

Whether we like it or not, the need for such a week is only going to increase as the Canadian society increasingly diversifies. Racial Equality Week may go away, but the questions won't.

If the idea seemed worthy of continuation, I hope that in the future there will be more institutional support. This year we had some fun, got on City TV and made some noise. Next year if possible, it can be more than noisy and fun, it might begin to make a difference. Perhaps, even this year we made a difference.

Finally, I was asked why I got involved in such a length task especially being a member of the dominant group - white Canadian male. Well, I suppose I have two answers.

First, racism, one of the most baneful and persistent evils is a major barrier to peace. Its practice perpetrates too outrageous a violation of the dignity of human beings to be countenanced under any pretext.

Racism retards the unfoldment of the boundless potentialities of its victims, corrupts its perpetrators and blights human progress. Recognition of the onesness of mankind, implemented by appropriate legal measures, must be univerally upheld if this problem is to be overcome. I want to overcome it.

Second, it seemed like a good idea.

Yours truly,
Brian Taborek

Biased Journalism

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to what a number of students at Scarborough Campus justifily(sic) feel regarding the SCSC elections. If this campus is going to undertake the responsibility of running an election, it should at least be done under the pretense that it intends to run it democratically.

It is blatantly obvious that **The Underground** ran several articles during the campaign period which revealed their bias towards the candidates. The slander which Mr. Ken Bowman experienced regarding his platform, slander which **The Underground** appears to support, is just one example of the inappropriate display of favouritism that this election has been plagued by.

On the other side of the coin, however, Ruth-Claire Alinas has had the unabashed support of **The Underground**. Her picture, and articles which emanated only the positive view of her candidacy have been run in over abundance.

Considering that **The Underground** is the main source of communication, the source that most students depend on to keep them abreast of the most recent developments in the College, it was truly unfair of them to reveal their bias.

It is the duty of **The Underground**, or any paper in fact, to reveal both sides of any and all issues. That is what **true** journalism is.

Yours truly,
Leanne Leeder

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